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SUBJECT: UNION/TENNECO'S FIRST PRODUCER IN THE JUNGLE

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1. UNION/TENNECO JOINED OCCIDENTAL LAST WEEK AS THE SECOND PETROPERU CONTRACTOR TO STRIKE OIL IN THE PERUVIAN JUNGLE. ACCORDING TO LIMA PRESS ACCOUNTS JULY 9 UNION/TENNECO'S FIRST EXPLORATORY WELL, JIBARO 1B-49-1X, LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN SELVA (JUNGLE) BETWEEN THE MACUSARI AND CORRIENTES RIVERS, HIT OIL BETWEEN 9,702 AND 9,750 FEET. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF YILED RANGE BETWEEN 700 AND 1,000 PBD, AT 10.5 API. THE INSTALLATION OF SPECIAL ARTIFICIAL PUMPING EQUIPMENT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS LOW GRAVITY CRUDE WHEN THE WELL IS IN PRODUCTION. UNION'S RIG IS NOW BEING MOVED SOME 15 KMS. EAST OF THE TIGRE RIVER TO DRILL UNION'S SECOND EXPLORATORY WELL, BARTRA 1B-17-2X.

2. COMMENT: EARLIER LAST WEEK, PETROPERU PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ BACA PRIVATELY EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE TO EMBASSY
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OFFICERS OVER UNION'S DISCOVERY. THIS WELL WILL OBVIOUSLY

SERVE TO BOOST PERU'S CLAIM TO GREATER OIL RESERVES, SINCE UNION IS THE SECOND CONTRACTOR TO STRIKE OIL. HOWEVER, IN ITSELF, THIS WELL WOULD APPEAR TO BE A MARGINAL PRODUCER, GIVEN ITS VERY LOW GRAVITY AND THE FACT THAT SPECIAL PUMPING EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BRING THE CRUDE TO THE SURFACE.

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